Indian National Shipowners' Association has estimated that, to meet the 8th Five Year Plan target, an investment of Rs. 25,000 crores will be required for ship acquisition.

परिवहन संबंधी ढांचे और सेवाओं पर किए गए खर्च पर अध्ययन रिपोर्ट

7234. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में सड़कों के रख-रखाव के लिए लखनऊ में कोई प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया था, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, वह योजना कब बनी तथा उस पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च हुई और अब तक इसके क्या परिणाम प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को "परिवहन ढांचा और सेवाएं" विषय पर कोई अध्ययन रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है, यदि हां, तो उस अध्ययन रिपोर्ट का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उक्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर सड़कों के, विशेष तौर पर देश में राजमार्गों के, निर्माण को मजबूत बनाने और उसमें तेजी लाने तथा उनके रख-रखाव के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) संभवत: माननीय सदस्य का आशय भारतीय सड़क कांग्रेस को सोसायटी पंजीकरण अधिनियम, 1860 के तहत एक पंजीकृत सोसाइटी है, द्वारा तैयार की गई 20 वर्षीय सड़क विकास योजना 1981—2001 से है। योजना दस्तावेज में उल्लिखित सिफारिशें/लक्ष्य मूलत: अनुशंसात्मक स्वरूप के हैं और इनका उद्देश्य पंचवर्षीय योजना आदि तैयार करने के लिए संदर्भ के रूप में मदद करना है।

(ख) और (ग) परिवहन ढ़ाचा और सेवाएं संबंधी व्यय विषय पर ऐसी कोई अध्ययन रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

***Reduction of width of National Highways**

7235. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the union Government are not looking after the development and maintenance of the national highways falling in urban areas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the width of these national highways from 30 Meters to 25 Meters; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Central Government have been providing contributions towards the development and maintenance of urban links to the extent indicated below :—

(i) For suitable urban links i.e. where the existing land width is more than 30 m., the Central Government finances full cost of development and maintenance cost limited to Rs. 60,000 per km. per year.

(ii) For unsuitable urban links i.e. where the existing land width is less than 30m the Central Government's contribution is only for maintenance and that too limited to Rs. 60,000 per km. per year.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Allocation of toll tax amount for National Highways in Gujarat

7236. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about Rs. 25 crores, collected as toll tax on bridges in Gujarat and to be utilised on national highways work in the State, has not been allocated for national highway works in the State;

(b) whether Government propose to allot this amount in the current financial year, in view of the insufficient funds allotted to the state viz-a-viz its requirements for national highway works in 1993-94; and

(c) if not, what is the target date for allotment of these funds for works of national highways in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 31.3.95 an amount of about Rs. 13 crores is due to be allocated to Gujarat State Government from the Permanent Bridge Fee Fund

(b) and (c) The funds due will be released in future depending on the bugetary provision available for the purpose.

Representation by All India Motor Congress

7237. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Motor Congress has submitted representations on various problems being faced by the truck and other road transporters;

(b) whether Government have solved any such problems in 1994-95;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) in their representation have made some suggestions to solve the problems being faced by the transporters, for consideration of the Ministry. These released to :-

(1) Amendments on Motor Vehicles Act.

(2) Abolition of Octroi check-posts.

(3) Composite fee on National Permits.

(4) Insurance claims.

(5) Diesel outlets.

(6) Inter-State road transport-need for apex authority.

(7) Highway robberies.

(8) Representation of transporters in Transport Development Council.

(9) Toll on bridges.

(10) Price rise of tyres and commercial vehicles.

So far as the amendments of Motor Vehicles Act is concerned, certain amendments have been made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 on the lines as suggested by AIMTC in consultation with State Governments. As regards the abolition of octroi check-posts, a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of Sh. Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister, West Bengal were set up to look into the matter. The Committee in their report have submitted that octroi is protected by Entry 52 of the State List and there is no question of its abolition or substitution.

The request of AIMTC for representation on the Transport Development Council has been noted for consideration at appropriate time.

The remaining items relate to the State Governments and other Departments of the Government of India. These suggestions have been forwarded to the agencies concerned for appropriate action directly.

Action plan on surface transport

7238. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to prepare an Action Plan on surface transport;

(b) whether the same has been prepared;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken to implement the said Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The Parliamentary Committee on Transport & Tourism in its 10th Report on Demands for Grants for 1994-95 in respect of the Ministry of Surface Transport has *inter alia* recomended to appoint a Committee to go into all aspects of integrated approach to Surface Transport, prepare an Action Plan and implement the same at the earliest. The Government has accepted this recommendation of the Committee. In pursuant to this recommendation, a Committee with Secretary (Surface Transport) as Chairman has been constituted. The Committee is seized of this issue.